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PROCESSING BY SHAPING
AN INDUCED ELECTRIC FIELD

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

A separate statement regarding the status of the claims, as required by 37 CFR 1.173(c), is found on page 8 of this paper.

A separate statement support for the new claims, as required by 37 CFR 1.173(c), is found on page 9 of this paper.